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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 8131

Mitsuru KONDO et al.

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**ROTARY SHAFT AXIAL ELONGATION
MEASURING METHOD AND DEVICE**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION, REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 23, 2002, Applicants in the above-referenced application hereby request reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action, withdrawal of the final Office Action and entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 17, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 32 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) A method of measuring axial elongation of a rotary shaft, comprising:
~~providing two marks on a rotational surface of a rotary shaft such that the marks are oppositely inclined to one another relative to an axial direction of the rotary shaft so that a circumferential direction interval between the marks changes according to the axial direction position along the rotary shaft;~~